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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is filed in view of the Decision on Appeal mailed March 31, 2004 for the above-captioned application. In the Decision, the Board of Appeal indicated that the rejection of claims was reversed. In addition, the Examiner has previously indicated that claims 10-13 would be allowable if amended to independent form.

In this amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 5, and claims 2-4 have been canceled. Claims dependent on one of these canceled claims have been amended to be dependent on claim 1. In addition, Claims 10, 11 and 13 have been amended to be independent. Based on these amendments, claims 1 and 6-19 are believed to be in form for allowance.

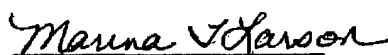
Claims 22-40 were withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement. Claim 36 has been deleted as duplicative. The remaining of these claims have now been amended to refer to compositions coextensive in scope with the composition of claim 1. Inasmuch as claims 22-35 and 37-39 are methods of using the composition of claim 1, and claim 40 is directed to a species of claim 1, Applicants submit that these claims are appropriately rejoined for issuance in the same patent consistent with the provisions of MPEP 821.04.

As a result of the amendment contained herein, this application now has six (6) independent claims. Applicants have previously paid fees for four (4) independent claims. The fee for two additional independent claims is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to deposit account no. 15-0610.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this application is now in form for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,



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